

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A steam cooker comprising: at least ~~two~~one cooking ~~element~~element having a peripheral lateral wall; and a pedestal having a steam production base, wherein said at least one cooking element and said pedestal are constructed and dimensioned to allow said at least one cooking element to be placed in either an upright position on said pedestal to hold food being cooked or to be ~~nested in one another~~placed in an inverted position on said pedestal when said cooker is not in use so that said peripheral lateral wall of ~~each of said~~ at least one cooking element at least partially envelopes said pedestal, and further wherein said pedestal further comprises a vessel for recovering juices adapted to be placed on said steam production base and to be enveloped at least partially by said peripheral lateral wall of said at least one cooking element placed in the inverted position on said pedestal.
2. (Currently amended) The steam cooker of claim 1, wherein said pedestal further comprises ~~at least one of a vessel for recovering juices and a cooking support~~ adapted to be placed on said steam production base.
3. (Currently amended) The steam cooker of claim 1, wherein ~~one of said~~ at least ~~two~~one cooking ~~element~~element has a

bottom that rests on said pedestal when said ~~one of said~~  
at least ~~two~~one cooking ~~element~~element is disposed in  
the inverted position on said pedestal.

4. (Currently amended) The steam cooker of claim 1, wherein  
said at least ~~two~~one cooking ~~element~~element ~~comprise at~~  
~~least three~~two cooking elements constructed and  
dimensioned to be nested in one another when said cooker  
is not in use.

5. (Currently amended) The steam cooker of claim 1, further  
comprising a lid provided to close ~~one of said~~ at least  
~~two~~one cooking ~~element~~element, said lid having a skirt  
dimensioned to envelop at least a part of said peripheral  
lateral wall of said ~~one of said~~ at least ~~two~~one cooking  
~~element~~element when said ~~one of said~~ at least ~~two~~one  
cooking ~~element~~element is disposed in the inverted  
position.

6. (Currently amended) The steam cooker of claim 5, wherein  
said skirt comes to bear on said part of said peripheral  
lateral wall of said ~~one of said~~ at least ~~two~~one cooking  
~~element~~element when said ~~one of said~~ at least ~~two~~one  
cooking ~~element~~element is disposed in the inverted  
position.

7. (Currently amended) The steam cooker of claim 1, ~~further~~  
~~comprising a~~wherein said vessel for recovering ~~juices,~~  
~~said vessel having~~juices has lateral recesses to  
facilitate gripping of said vessel by a user.

8. (Currently amended) The steam cooker of claim 1, further comprising gripping organs disposed on an upper part of ~~each of said~~ at least ~~two~~one cooking ~~element~~element.

9. (Original) The steam cooker of claim 1, wherein said pedestal further comprises a retractable filling device for delivery of water to said steam production base.

10. (Currently amended) The steam cooker of claim 9, ~~further comprising a vessel for recovering juices, and wherein~~ said retractable filling device is arranged under said vessel for recovering juices.

11. (Original) The steam cooker of claim 10, wherein said retractable filling device is arranged under a raised part of a bottom of said vessel for recovering juices.

12. (Previously presented) A steam cooker comprising: at least one cooking element having a peripheral lateral wall; a pedestal having a steam production base; and a vessel for recovering juices, wherein said at least one cooking element and said pedestal are constructed and dimensioned to allow said at least one cooking element to be placed in either an upright position on said pedestal to hold a food being cooked or in an inverted position on said pedestal so that said peripheral lateral wall at least partially envelopes said pedestal, said pedestal further comprises a retractable filling device for delivery of water to said steam production base, said retractable filling device is arranged under said vessel for recovering juices, said retractable filling device is arranged under a raised part of a bottom of said vessel

for recovering juices, and said retractable filling device comprises a drawer arranged under a bottom of said vessel for recovering juices.

13. (Original) The steam cooker of claim 12, wherein said drawer is mounted under said bottom of said vessel for recovering juices for pivotable movement along an axis.

14. (Original) The steam cooker of claim 1, further comprising a rice bowl, and wherein said pedestal has an outer annular lateral wall, said rice bowl and said outer annular lateral wall of said pedestal being dimensioned to allow said rice bowl to be disposed in inverted position on said pedestal with said outer annular lateral wall surrounding said rice bowl.

15. (Currently amended) The steam cooker of claim 14, ~~further comprising a wherein said~~ vessel for recovering juices, ~~said vessel having~~ juices has a bottom provided with a raised part, and wherein said rice bowl has a handle arranged to be housed above said raised part of said bottom of said vessel when said rice bowl is disposed in inverted position on said pedestal.

16. (Original) The steam cooker of claim 15, wherein said handle extends from a lateral face of said rice bowl, said lateral face being curved inwardly toward the interior of said rice bowl.

17. (Previously presented) The steam cooker of claim 14, wherein said at least one cooking element is dimensioned so that when said at least one cooking element and said

rice bowl are in inverted position on said pedestal, said at least one cooking element rests on said rice bowl.

18. (Original) The steam cooker of claim 1, wherein said base is provided with gripping elements.

19. (Previously presented) The steam cooker of claim 18, wherein said base comprises a water reservoir mounted on a baseplate.

20. (Previously presented) The steam cooker of claim 19, wherein said gripping elements are part of said baseplate.